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# Introduction

This paper provides an update on the most recent developments on Brexit of relevance to Wales. It includes sections on the work of the Assembly and Welsh Government; EU; UK; and Scotland and Ireland. The period covered is 27 November 2018 – 16 January 2019, although reference is made to later events where information is available at time of final drafting.

The latest developments are the **Prime Minister’s statement and debate in the House of Commons** on 21 January. On 22 January the Welsh Government made a series of statements in plenary:

- Statement by the First Minister: **Update on the UK Government's Proposals for EU Withdrawal.**
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: **The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on our Health and Care Services.**
- Statement by the Minister for Economy and Transport: **The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on Transportation.**
- Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: **The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on the Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries.**
- Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: **Preparing our Public Services for a 'No Deal' Brexit–Civil Contingencies.**
- Statement by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister: **The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on Wales.**

## Developments in Wales

### National Assembly for Wales

#### External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

*The External Affairs and Additional Legislation (EAAL) Committee is the lead Committee in the Assembly for co-ordinating the Brexit-related activities of Committees.*

The EAAL Committee is currently undertaking inquiries into [How is the Welsh Government preparing for Brexit?, Wales' Future Relationship with the EU and the World - Part two](#) and [EU law in Wales: What happens during the Brexit Transition?](#)

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 26 November: The Committee held a general Brexit scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance. [Transcript](#)
- 3 December: After noting a paper the Committee met in private. [Transcript](#)
- 10 December: The Committee took evidence from the Institute for Government on Understanding the economic impact of Brexit. [Transcript](#)
- 7 January: The Committee held a Scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales. [Transcript](#)
- 14 January: The Committee held an Expert panel discussion on the development of common UK policy frameworks and legislating for Brexit, with Cardiff University and the Institute for Government.

26 November: The Committee published its report: [Preparing for Brexit - Follow-up report on the preparedness of Welsh ports](#).

29 November: The Committee published its report: [Withdrawal Agreement: implications for Wales](#).

3 December: The Committee published its report: [Preparing for Brexit - Report on the preparedness of the healthcare and medicines sector in Wales](#).

10 December: The Committee published its report: [Preparing for Brexit - Report on the preparedness of the food and drinks sector in Wales](#).

On 26 November EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [Wales Environment Link to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning & Rural Affairs regarding the UK Fisheries Bill](#).

On 3 December EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [Cabinet Secretary for Finance regarding the Interparliamentary forum on Brexit](#).

On 10 December EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [Llywydd to the First Minister regarding legislation for Brexit](#).

On 7 January EAAL noted a Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee report:

- [Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill](#).

On 14 January EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [Llywydd to the Chair regarding Wales' future relationship with the EU](#).
- [Llywydd to the Chair regarding the Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Bill](#).
- [Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs regarding the UK Fisheries Bill: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum](#).

#### Plenary

4 December: [Plenary Debate on the EU Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration](#).

8 January: [Plenary Statement by the First Minister: Update on EU Transition](#).

15 January: Plenary Statement by the Counsel General Designate and Brexit Minister: [The UK Government's current proposals for EU Withdrawal](#).

16 January: [Questions in plenary to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister](#).

16 January: Plenary Debate: ['No Deal' Brexit](#).

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [In Brief](#). The latest Brexit blogs are:

- [New First Minister, new Brexit priorities?](#);
- [Environmental principles and governance post-Brexit: the draft UK Bill and Wales](#);
- [Preparations for a 'no deal' Brexit: The latest position](#);
- [What are the World Trade Organisation rules around agriculture?](#);
- [The UK Healthcare \(International Arrangements\) Bill – what's in it for Wales?](#);
- [Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report](#);
- [100 days to Brexit: Meaningful votes in Westminster and Wales – the latest](#);
- [Equality and human rights in Wales after Brexit: an update](#);
- [UK-EU Future Relationship: what's the latest for Welsh further and higher education?](#);
- [What will happen to Wales' membership of the Committee of the Regions after Brexit?](#);
- [How might different Brexit scenarios affect the Welsh economy?](#);
- [What does the Brexit political declaration mean for Wales?](#);
- [What does the EU Withdrawal Agreement mean for Wales?](#);

In October 2018 the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee published its report [The impact of Brexit on fisheries in Wales](#). The [Welsh Government responded](#) on 4 December, accepting all but one recommendation. From 13 December to 9 January the Committee consulted on the [Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Fisheries Bill](#). On 4 January the Committee published its [Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill](#).

8 Jan: [Significant Improvement Needed for Welsh Agriculture Plans Post Brexit](#).

The Children, Young People and Education Committee published its report [Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education](#) on 4 December.

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee published its report [Brexit, the arts sector, creative industries, heritage and the Welsh language](#) on 3 December.

The Constitution and Legislative Affairs Committee publish reports on Subordinate Legislation relating to the UK's exit from the EU. They can be found on the [Committee's webpages](#). In January the Committee published its report [The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill](#).

## Welsh Government

26 November: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

27 November: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

27 November: Written statement by Carwyn Jones: [Assessment of the Withdrawal Agreement and the UK's proposed future relationship with the EU](#).

28 November: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

29 November: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

30 November: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

3 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

4 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

4 December: [Written Statement: Analysis of Economic Impact Assessments on EU Exit](#).

5 December: [£9.5 million EU investment will help Wales move towards a low carbon economy](#).

7 December: [EU funding to boost Wales' creative technologies sector](#).

10 December: [EU funding helps promote cutting-edge technology in Wales](#).

10 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

11 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

12 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C](#).

13 December: [First Minister announces new cabinet](#). Jeremy Miles is Counsel General Designate and Brexit Minister.

18 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.](#)

19 December: [Wales warns a ‘no deal’ Brexit would be a disaster](#) - Wales’ new First Minister and new Brexit Minister Jeremy Miles are today attending a meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee in London, chaired by the Prime Minister.

19 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.](#)

20 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.](#)

20 December: [Written Statement: Supreme Court Reference: UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill.](#)

21 December: [Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.](#)

7 January: [First Minister starts New Year with no-deal Brexit warning.](#)

7 January: [Mark Drakeford could back staying in EU if new referendum called](#) (BBC)

7 January: [Written Statement: Meeting of JMC\(Plenary\), 19 December 2018. Joint communique.](#)

8 January: [Oral Statement by the First Minister: Update on EU Transition.](#)

11 January: [No-Deal Brexit disastrous for North Wales – First Minister.](#)

11 January: [Minister for Environment urges fishers to prepare for no-deal Brexit.](#)

14 January: [‘No deal’ could have devastating impact on Welsh farming and fisheries – Lesley Griffiths.](#)

15 January: [Prime Minister gambling with nation’s future – Jeremy Miles.](#)

15 January: [The Counsel General and Brexit Minister made an Oral Statement, The UK Government's current proposals for EU Withdrawal.](#)

16 January: The First Minister [wrote to the Prime Minister](#) setting out his views on the next steps the UK Government should take following the House of Commons vote.

## News

26 November: [NFU Cymru warns of ‘nightmare’ no-deal Brexit.](#)

27 November: [FUW President raises Brexit deal concerns with Theresa May.](#)

27 November: [NFU Cymru team meet with Prime Minister at Royal Welsh Winter Fair.](#)

27 November: [CLA backs EFRA Committee recommendations on Agriculture Bill.](#)

5 December: [FUW backs Hilary Benn amendment to withdrawal deal.](#)

7 December: [‘Getting Brexit Ready’ Guide Now Available for Third Sector in Wales](#) (WCVA)

10 December: [NFU Cymru Next Generation group visits Brussels.](#)

17 December: [Plans for ‘no deal’ Brexit must not hang farmers out to dry.](#)

17 December: [Brexit Update - December 2018](#) (WCVA)

19 December: [Government announces Immigration White Paper - CLA reaction.](#)

21 December: [TFA urges Parliament to agree EU exit deal.](#)

9 January: [Joint TFA and CLA Media Release – MR19/02 – Agricultural landlords and tenants unite to urge MPs to avoid ‘no deal’ Brexit.](#)

10 January: [UK farming industry urges MPs to take action to avoid no-deal Brexit](#) (NFU Cymru)

10 January: [Ceredigion farmers raise Brexit concerns with local MP](#) (NFU Cymru)

11 January: [Brexit: Holyhead lorry backlog plan in case of no-deal](#) (BBC)



## EU Developments

### European Council

24 November: **Invitation letter by President Donald Tusk to the members of the European Council (Art. 50) ahead of their special meeting on 25 November 2018.**

25 November: **European Council (Art. 50) conclusions. Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the special meeting of the European Council (Art. 50).**

25 November: **European Council (Art. 50) conclusions.**

27 November: **Joint letter of Presidents Donald Tusk and Jean-Claude Juncker on the upcoming G20 summit.**

28 November: **Free trade agreements: political deal reached on systematic inclusion of safeguard measures.**

30 November: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk before the G20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

1 December: **G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building consensus for fair and sustainable development.**

5 December: **Provisional agreement reached on EU budget for 2019.**

10 December: **India: Council adopts conclusions on a new EU strategy.**

10 December: **Women, peace and security: Council adopts conclusions.**

11 December: **Council conclusions on a homogeneous extended internal market and EU relations with non-EU Western European countries.**

12 December: **Multiannual management plan for Western Waters: provisional agreement confirmed by the Council** - In order to deal with this problem [choke species], the agreed MAP incorporates all relevant stocks (demersal and deep-sea stocks) into a single management plan, thereby guaranteeing a sustainable approach and granting fishermen and member states more flexibility.

12 December: **Invitation letter by President Donald Tusk to the members of the European Council ahead of their meetings on 13 and 14 December 2018.**

13 December: **European Council (Art. 50) conclusions, 13 December 2018** - The European Council reconfirms its conclusions of 25 November 2018, in which it endorsed the Withdrawal Agreement and approved the Political Declaration. The Union stands by this agreement and intends to proceed with its ratification. It is not open for renegotiation.

14 December: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the European Council meetings on 13 December 2018.**

14 December: **European Council conclusions, 13-14 December 2018.**

14 December: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the European Council and Euro summit meetings on 14 December 2018.**

16 December: **Ceremonial lecture by President Donald Tusk following the award of the Honorary Doctorate from the Technical University of Dortmund.**

21 December: **EU-Japan trade agreement will enter into force on 1 February 2019.**

14 January: **Joint letter of President Tusk and President Juncker to Theresa May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.**

### European Commission

The Commission has published '**Brexit preparedness notes**' on the legal and practical implications of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union - subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement.

13 November: **Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019: a Contingency Action Plan.**

26 November: **Questions and Answers - the rights of EU and UK citizens, as outlined in the Withdrawal Agreement.**

27 November: **New report provides further evidence of link between trade and jobs.** In 2017 UK exports to the rest of the world supported 4.2 million jobs.

27 November: **Brexit preparedness: provisional agreement reached on amending EU rules in the area of type-approvals for vehicles.**



28 November: **The Commission calls for a climate neutral Europe by 2050. A Clean Planet for All. Q&A.**

28 November: **European Citizens' Initiative: European Commission declares as inadmissible request for EU referendum on the United Kingdom remaining or leaving** - The Commission found that the conditions for registration of this initiative were not met as the matter falls outside of the EU's field of competence.

29 November: **Statement by Michel Barnier at the Plenary session of the European Parliament on the Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom.**

30 November: **Statement by President Juncker at the joint press conference with Donald Tusk, President of the European Council ahead of the G20 summit. President Juncker's intervention at the Buenos Aires G20 Summit Session "Building Consensus -International Trade, Tax and Financial System".**

3 December: **UN climate change conference in Katowice - questions and answers.**

3 December: **Evidence given by Céline Gauer, Deputy Secretary General of the European Commission, in charge of policy coordination,** to Special Committee of the French National Assembly to Consider Legislation Enabling the Government to Make Preparatory Measures for the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (in French):

- I come to border controls. There are indeed flexibility rules for certain types of checks that can be made, subject to securing the containers between the exit of the tunnel and the point at which the checks will be made. We are currently discussing with the French authorities, on the one hand, to make sure that these flexibility rules are properly used in accordance with European law and on the other hand to give these authorities and operators the necessary legal certainty. The situation will be difficult and will require absolutely considerable infrastructure work, but all the existing possibilities of flexibility will be used and we really support the French authorities in this matter. There is, however, one important flaw in terms of flexibility: it concerns veterinary and phytosanitary controls, given the major risk posed by these imports for animal health and the safety and health protection status (SPS) of the importing State. - and first of all France, which is the point of entry for imports. Nobody wants, obviously, that new cases of crazy cows appear in France simply because of too light controls. Veterinary checks will therefore remain extremely strict. ...

- With regard to border inspection posts, there will be no derogations. What types of border controls are we talking about? The most stringent border controls are veterinary controls. And again, we have to distinguish between products of animal origin and live animals. Products of animal origin must be subject to three types of control. A documentary check - you have to know what happens in the container - an identity check - we were told that these were boxes of corned beef, but is it really? - and a physical check - opening the boxes, looking at what's inside, doing lab tests and making sure it's not dangerous to the consumer's health. Let us never forget that the United Kingdom still has very important trade flows with many third countries. So we are not just ensuring the status and the respect of the rules of hygiene of what is produced in the United Kingdom but also of what is imported from all over the world. There is a real health safety issue. Of these three controls, only the first two are absolutely systematic. The third one, which is really time consuming and really complex - opening the box of corned beef and doing tests in the lab - depends on the risk, which is analyzed according to the nature of the product. This control can also, however, be extremely limited, especially for products really coming from the United Kingdom. It is therefore not necessary to over dramatize the question of controls.

- As for the control of products that are not of animal origin, it can very well be done at the point of arrival of the shipment rather than the port. However, precautionary measures may be taken, such as affixing seals, to ensure that the cargo is not handled between the time of entry into the EU and verification.

- It is on the control of living animals that we are most strict. Few British and New Zealand sheep arrive at our borders but, given the seriousness of the diseases they may carry, the ease with which they can be transmitted and the impact they would have immediately on the exports of France - Should contamination ever affect the SPS status of the territory, we can not afford to give up these controls. It will therefore not be possible to derogate from or amend the applicable legislation at European level. On the other hand, we will naturally be able to show all the necessary flexibility for the least dangerous products, in particular by using the possibility of making these remote controls of the entrance.

5 December: **Proposal for a Council decision on the signing of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community. Proposal for a Council decision on the Conclusion. Annex.**

5 December: **The EU Budget for 2019: growth, solidarity and security in Europe and beyond - provisional agreement reached.**

6 December: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions.**

7 November: **European Commission reaction to Swiss Federal Council announcements.**

12 December: **Speech by Vice-President Katainen on behalf of President Juncker at the Plenary Session of the European Parliament on the debate on the Future of Europe with Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus.**

12 December: **EU-Japan trade agreement on track to enter into force in February 2019. Key elements of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement.**

12 December: **European Citizens' Initiative: Political agreement reached on the Commission's proposal.**

13 December: **Digital Single Market: EU negotiators agree to facilitate access to online TV and radio content across borders.**

14 December: **WTO sides with the EU in appeal on Brazil's industrial tax measures.**

15 December: **Abolition of roaming charges: Europeans make the most of their mobile communications while travelling.**

18 December: **State aid: Commission approves plan by France, Germany, Italy and the UK to give €1.75 billion public support to joint research and innovation project in microelectronics.**

19 December: **Brexit: European Commission implements "no-deal" Contingency Action Plan in specific sectors; Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019: Implementing the Commission's Contingency Action Plan - COM(2018) 890; Q&A.**

- [Contingency measures] should be adopted unilaterally by the European Union in pursuit of its interests and should be revocable at any time
- Contingency measures will not apply to Gibraltar

- [The Commission] calls upon Member States to take a generous approach to UK nationals who are already resident in their territory
- The Commission calls upon Member States to take all possible steps to ... ensure legal certainty and protection of the social security entitlements acquired by citizens who exercised their right to free movement prior to 30 March 2019
- the Commission has concluded that only a limited number of contingency measures is necessary to safeguard financial stability in the EU27
- The Commission has today adopted two temporary measures to avoid full interruption of air traffic between the Union and the United Kingdom and to ensure basic connectivity
- A proposal for a Regulation to allow temporarily, for 9 months, access for road haulage operators licenced in the United Kingdom to the carriage of goods by road between the territory of the latter and the EU27 Member States
- Member States must take all necessary steps to be in a position, as from the withdrawal date in case the withdrawal agreement is not ratified, to apply the Union Customs Code and the relevant rules on indirect taxation to all imports from and exports to the United Kingdom. They should use the existing possibilities to issue authorisations for facilitation measures provided for in the Union Customs Code
- A proposal for a Regulation to ensure the continuation of the PEACE IV (Ireland-United Kingdom) and the United Kingdom-Ireland (Ireland-Northern Ireland-Scotland) programmes until the end of the 2020

19 December: **State aid: Commission concludes Gibraltar gave around €100 million of illegal tax advantages to multinational companies.**

21 December: **Autumn 2018 Standard Eurobarometer: Positive image of the EU prevails ahead of the European elections.**

14 January: **Letter from the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission to Prime Minister Theresa May.**

15 January: **Statement by President Juncker on the outcome of the Meaningful Vote in the United Kingdom House of Commons.**

16 January: **Speeches by First Vice-President Frans Timmermans and Michel Barnier on behalf of President Juncker at the Plenary session of the European Parliament on the occasion of the debate on the UK's withdrawal from the EU.**

## European Parliament

28 November: **Danish Prime Minister: Future of EU depends on how it solves today's challenges.**

29 November: **Brexit: the time has come to back the withdrawal deal.**

30 November: **Online shopping across the EU to be easier from 3 December.**

5 December: **EU Budget 2019 deal: EP boosts support for researchers and the young.**

10 December: **EU elections: Support for EU and the lead candidates process continues to rise.**

10 December: **MEPs strongly welcome the Global Compact on Migration.**

12 December: **"Freedom and democracy will always win over violence, crime and terror"** - Statement by President Tajani today in Parliament on the Strasbourg terror attack.

12 December: **EU budget 2019 approved: focus on the young, innovation and migration.**

12 December: **EP Group leaders on Brexit: "the agreement is not open to renegotiation".**

12 December: **President Anastasiades: "We have to join forces for a prosperous Europe".**

16 January: **Brexit: the time has come for the UK to clarify its position.**

## News

26 November: **Brexit: the application for annulment of the decision authorising the opening of Brexit negotiations, brought by thirteen British citizens who live in EU Member States other than the UK, is inadmissible.** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

28 November: **New EIB investment report: EU risks losing ground on innovation to US and China.**

4 December: **Advocate General Campos Sánchez-Bordona proposes that the Court of Justice should declare that Article 50 TEU allows the unilateral revocation of the notification of the intention to withdraw from the EU. Full text of the Opinion.** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

10 December: **The United Kingdom is free to revoke unilaterally the notification of its intention to withdraw from the EU** - Such a revocation, decided in accordance with its own national constitutional requirements, would have the effect that the United Kingdom remains in the EU under terms that are unchanged as regards its status as a Member State. **Full text of the judgement** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

12 December: **EIB approves EUR 3.8 billion of financing for transport, energy, business and water supply.**

13 December: **Putting patients at the forefront of Brexit decisions** (Brexit HealthCare Alliance)

14 December: **Brexit won't have grave impact on German economy – employers group** (Reuters)

14 December: **Federal Council lays the foundation for future economic and trade relations with the United Kingdom** (Swiss Government)

17 December: **DDG Wolff: Efforts to maintain and improve the multilateral trading system will succeed** - A former Appellate Body member accused the United States of asphyxiating the WTO's Appellate Body through refusing to allow its vacancies to be filled. The U.S. view might be that its actions are more of the nature of assisting a suicide. Either way the loss of an effective dispute settlement system should be avoided. (WTO)

19 December: **EU's hard Brexit is going to hurt – a lot.** Brussels prepares its disaster planning. (Politico)

8 January: **Address by Foreign Minister Heiko Maas on the occasion of the Meeting of Ireland's Ambassadors and Consuls General** (German Foreign Office)



## UK Developments

### UK Government

25 November: **Withdrawal Agreement** and **Political Declaration** on the future relationship between the UK and the EU as endorsed by leaders at a special meeting of the European Council.

25 November: Letters from the UK's Permanent Representative to the EU to the **Secretary General of the Council** and the **Secretary General of the Commission** on UK sovereignty over Gibraltar.

25 November: **Prime Minister Theresa May has written a letter to the nation about her Brexit deal.**

25 November: **Prime Minister Theresa May made a statement at EU Council.**

26 November: **PM's statement on the Special European Council.**

26 November: **UK agrees new customs arrangements with the Crown Dependencies.**

26 November: **Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration laid before Parliament following political agreement.**

26 November: **Wightman and Others v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union** - application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court. **Application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court** and a summary of the Case of the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. **Grounds of Appeal.**

26 November: **The European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.**

26 November: **Prime Minister Theresa May hosted a business briefing in Downing Street.**

27 November: **PM promises deal to strengthen the Union** - Prime Minister Theresa May heads to Wales and Northern Ireland for meetings with producers, employers and political leaders, after agreement reached in Brussels.

28 November: **PM promises deal which works for Scotland**

28 November: **EU Exit: Long-term Economic Analysis**

28 November: **EU Exit: Taking back control of our borders, money, and laws while protecting our economy, security and Union**

28 November: **PM promises deal which works for Scotland.**

29 November: **The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Consequential Modifications and Repeals and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.**

1 December: **UK to tell EU it will no longer seek access to secure aspects of Galileo.**

3 December: **PM bilateral with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.**

3 December: **PM G20 House of Commons statement.**

3 December: Exiting the European Union Publications - Collection of documents published to support understanding and assessment of the agreement we have reached with the EU: **EU Exit: Taking back control of our borders, money, and laws while protecting our economy, security and Union; The Command Paper; EU Exit: Assessment of the security partnership; EU Exit: Long-term economic analysis; EU Exit: Long-Term Economic Analysis Technical Reference Paper; Legal position on the Withdrawal Agreement.**

3 December: **Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) communiqué.** Rebecca Evans AM Ken Skates AM, and Lesley Griffiths AM attended.

5 December: **Secretary of State: Statement to parliament closing the first day of debate on the Withdrawal Agreement.**

5 December: **Publication of the Attorney General's legal advice to Cabinet on the Withdrawal Agreement and the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland.**

6 December: **Policy paper on citizens' rights in the event of a no deal Brexit.**

7 December: **Technical explanatory note: North-South cooperation mapping exercise.**

7 December: **Ministers visit every nation and region in the UK to talk about local benefits of Brexit deal.**

10 December: **Secretary of State: Statement to Parliament in response to the CJEU's ruling on the Wightman Article 50 case.**

10 December: **Prime Minister Theresa May's statement to the House of Commons.**

14 December: **PM press statement at European Council.**

17 December: **Prime Minister Theresa May gives a statement to the House of Commons following European Council.**

18 December: **PM urges devolved leaders to 'listen to businesses' and back the Brexit deal.**

19 December: **Joint Ministerial Committee communiqué.** Mark Drakeford AM and Jeremy Miles AM attended.

20 December: **UK-Poland intergovernmental consultations: joint communiqué.**

20 December: **UK agreements with the EEA EFTA states and Switzerland.** EEA EFTA **Separation Agreement** and **Explainer.** Swiss Citizens' **Rights Agreement** and **Explainer.**

20 December: **The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Consequential Modifications and Repeals and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018. The European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.**

21 December update: **UK government's preparations for a no deal scenario.**

21 December: **Facilitated Customs Arrangement impact analysis - background note.**

21 December update: **Information on the rights and status of UK nationals living in the European Union, European Economic Area (EEA) and European Free Trade Area (EFTA), and Switzerland.**

31 December: **PM: 2019 will start a new chapter for Britain.**

3 January: **Further guidance note on the regulation of medicines, medical devices and clinical trials if there's no Brexit deal** (Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency)

7 January: **Haulage update: Update on government contracts with ferry operators.**

8 January: **What the Political Declaration means for international development.**

9 January: **UK Government commitments to Northern Ireland and its integral place in the United Kingdom.**

10 January: **The Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.**

10 January: **UK and Japan forge new alliance to shape 21st Century.**

10 January: **Privy Council appointment: First Minister of Wales.** Mark Drakeford AM sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

14 January: Exchange of letters between the UK and EU on the Northern Ireland backstop. **Letter to Presidents Tusk and Juncker. Letter to the Prime Minister.**

17 January: **Brexit: Theresa May pushes for cross-party consensus** - She is to publish her new plan on EU withdrawal to Parliament on Monday, 21 January, with a full debate and the key vote on it scheduled for Tuesday, 29 January (BBC)

## House of Commons

26 November: Defence question on **UK-EU Defence Relationship.**

26 November Prime Minister's Statement and debate on **Leaving the EU.**

27 November: Health and Social Services questions: **Leaving the EU: Medicines and Medical Equipment.**

27 November: Westminster Hall debate: **EU Settled Status Scheme**

28 November: Scotland questions: **Leaving the EU: Legislative Consent Motions; Leaving the EU; Leaving the EU: Fishing Industry.**

28 November: **Prime Minister's Questions**

28 November: Urgent Question: **Leaving the EU: Economic Analysis**

29 November: Environment, Food and Rural Affairs questions: **Leaving the EU: Farming Policy; Trade Agreements: Environmental and Animal Welfare; Trade Agreements: Environmental and Animal Welfare; Farming: Funding Schemes; Leaving the EU: Fishing Industry.**

29 November: Urgent question: **Withdrawal Agreement: Legal Advice.**

3 December: Home Department questions: **EU Settlement Scheme; Immigration System.**

3 December: Prime Minister's statement on the **G20 Summit.**

3 December: Attorney General's statement: **Withdrawal Agreement: Legal Position.**

3 December: **Points of Order.**

3 December: Westminster Hall debate: **EU Membership: Second Referendum.**

4 December: Foreign and Commonwealth Office questions: **Leaving the EU: Diplomatic Co-operation.**

4 December: Debate: **Privilege (Withdrawal Agreement: Legal Advice).**

4 December: **Business of the House (European Union (Withdrawal) Act).**

4 December: The Prime Minister opened the first day of debate on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act.**

5 December: Wales questions: **Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: Economic Effect.**

5 December: **Prime Ministers questions.**

5 December: 2<sup>nd</sup> day of debate on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act.**

6 December: Exiting the European Union questions: **16 questions**, including **Welsh Assembly.**

6 December: 3<sup>rd</sup> day of debate on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act.**

10 December: Prime Minister's statement and debate on **Exiting the European Union.**

10 December: **Business of the House.**

10 December: Statement on **EU Exit: Article 50.**

10 December: **Points of order.**

10 December: Application for emergency debate: **Exiting the European Union: Meaningful Vote.**

10 December: 4<sup>th</sup> day: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act.**

11 December: Treasury questions: **Leaving the Customs Union and Single Market: Scotland; EU Withdrawal Agreement: Manufacturing Sector.**

11 December: Urgent question: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Statutory Obligations on Ministers.**

11 December: **Exiting the European Union: Meaningful Vote.**

11 December: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: State Aid, Public Ownership and Workers' Rights.**

12 December: Northern Ireland questions: **EU Withdrawal Agreement.**

12 December: **Prime Ministers questions.**

12 December: Westminster Hall debate: **UK Fishing Industry.**

13 December: Attorney General questions: **Contempt of Court; Legal Advice: Public Disclosure; Leaving the EU: Human Rights; Article 50: European Court of Justice Decision.**

13 December: **Business of the House.**

13 December: Westminster Hall debate: **Withdrawal Agreement: Economic Analyses.**

17 December: Statement and debate on the **European Council.**

17 December: **Points of Order.**

17 December: **UK-EU Negotiations - Application for emergency debate** (Standing Order No. 24), and **Speaker's Statement.**



18 December: Justice questions: **EU Withdrawal Agreement: Co-operation on Justice**.

18 December: **EU Withdrawal Agreement** - Emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24).

19 December: Cabinet Office questions: **Leaving the EU: Contingency Planning; Leaving the EU: Civil Service Capacity**.

19 December: **Prime Ministers questions**.

19 December: Statement and debate on **Future Immigration**.

19 December: **Leaving the EU: No Deal** - Application for emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24).

19 December: **Debate on Leaving the EU: No Deal**.

19 December: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: UK Orchestras**.

20 December: International Trade questions: **Series of Brexit questions**.

7 January: Urgent Question: **EU Withdrawal Agreement: Legal Changes**.

7 January: Debate on **Leaving the EU: Tobacco Products and Public Health**.

8 January: Statement on **Seaborne Freight**

9 January: **Prime Ministers questions**, and **continued**.

9 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act**.

10 January: Transport questions: **Leaving the EU: Aviation; Leaving the EU: Ports; EU Motor Insurance Directive**.

10 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act**.

11 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act**.

14 January: Defence questions: **Leaving the EU: Defence Co-operation; Leaving the EU: Future Defence Relationship**.

14 January: The Prime Minister made a statement on **Leaving the EU**, focussing on the 'Ireland-Northern Ireland backstop'.

14 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act**.

14 January: Westminster Hall debate: **petitions about leaving the EU**.

15 January: Health and Social Care question: **Leaving the EU: Contingency Planning**.

15 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act**. The UK Government lost the 'meaningful vote' by 432-202..

16 January: Scotland questions: **Leaving the EU: Immigration; Leaving the EU; Leaving the EU: Common Fisheries Policy**.

16 January: **Prime Minister's questions**.

16 January: First Reading of the **European Union Referendum (Preparation) Bill and the European Union Referendum Bill**. Second Reading on 21 January.

16 January: Debate on a **motion of No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government**. The motion was defeated.

## Committees

### Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

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26 November: Brexit: **Committee holds evidence hearings on food and drink, aerospace, and pharma sectors**.

27 November: **Business reaction to EU withdrawal agreement: food and drink**.

28 November: Two Evidence Sessions on Leaving the EU: implications for UK business - **Aerospace** and **Pharmaceuticals**. **Transcript**.

4 December: **Brexit and automotives: business reaction to EU withdrawal agreement**. **Transcript**.

4 December: **Clarity on Euratom and key civil nuclear issues needed – Letter to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, regarding Committee inquiry on civil nuclear sector**.

4 December: **Letter from the Royal Aeronautical Society, regarding value of lost space contracts due to Brexit.**

10 December: **Response of business to Prime Minister's Brexit deal** – Report: **The response from business to the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.**

20 December: **Letter from the Minister for Business and Industry regarding Euratom.**

### Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

21 November: Evidence Session on Is Defra ready for Brexit?.

27 November: **Scrutiny of the Agriculture Bill report published** – Report: **Scrutiny of the Agriculture Bill.**

28 November: **Evidence Session on Is Defra ready for Brexit? With Michael Gove.** **Transcript.**

28 November: **Evidence Session: Work of the Chief Veterinary Officer.**

5 December: Scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill. **Transcript** and **Transcript**. Written evidence from **George Eustace.**

12-19 December: Written evidence on the Fisheries Bill: **European Subsea Cables Association; Greenpeace UK; DEFRA; New Economics Foundation; Greener UK; DEFRA; The National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations; New Under Ten Fishermen's Association; South Western Fish Producer Organisation; Coastal Producer Organisation Limited.**

20 December: **Scrutiny of the draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill inquiry launched.**

6 January: **Letter from George Eustice on the update on the UK's goods schedule at the World Trade Organisation.**

9 January: Evidence Session on Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink. **Transcript.**

23 January: Evidence Session on Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink.

### Environmental Audit:

4 December: Evidence session on Chemicals Regulation after the UK has left the EU. **Transcript.**

20 December: **Scrutiny of the draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill inquiry launched.**

### European Scrutiny:

21 November: 45<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 21 November 2018.**

28 November: 46<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 28 November 2018.**

5 December: 47<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 5 December 2018.**

12 December: 48<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 12 December 2018.**

19 December: 49<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 19 December 2018.**

9 January: 50<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 9 January 2019.**

16 January: **Committee question former Secretary of State David Davis.**

23 January: Evidence Session on UK Exit from the EU

### European Statutory Instruments:

13 December: **Seven statutory instruments recommended for further debate** – 11<sup>th</sup> Report of Session 2017-19 - **Documents considered by the Committee on 11 December 2018.**

### Exiting the EU:

3 December: **Secretary of State and Prime Minister's Europe Adviser questioned.** **Transcript.**

9 December: **Committee’s united verdict on the Prime Minister’s deal: Uncertainty, not clarity** – Report: **The progress of the UK’s negotiations on EU withdrawal - The Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration**.

19 December: **Options facing Government and Parliament following European Council meeting examined**. **Transcript**.

9 January: **Brexit Minister Chris Heaton-Harris MP questioned on no-deal planning ahead of meaningful vote**. **Transcript**.

11 January: The progress of the UK’s negotiations on EU Withdrawal: The rights of UK and EU citizens: **Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report**.

16 January: **Immediate report on next steps for Parliament following rejection of the Withdrawal Agreement**. Report – **Response to the vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: Options for Parliament**.

#### Health and Social Services:

20 November: **Correspondence from the Secretary of State following session on the impact of a No Deal Brexit on health and social care**.

26 November: **Letter from NHS Improvement regarding the potential additional costs for the NHS associated with international recruitment following the United Kingdom’s departure from the European Union**.

27 November: **Impact of Brexit withdrawal agreement on health and social care examined**, Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, was one of the witnesses. **Transcript**. Written evidence from **Professor Tamara Hervey and Nick Fahy**.

3 December: Impact of a no deal Brexit on health and social care inquiry – written evidence from **Nursing and Midwifery Council; Royal Pharmaceutical Society**.

7 December: **Correspondence from the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) regarding Pharmacies and Brexit**.

#### Home Affairs:

27 November: **Sajid Javid MP questioned on the work of the Home Office**. **Transcript**.

27 November: Government preparations for Brexit inquiry – written evidence from the **Home Office**.

6 December: **Letter from the Policing Minister regarding Government preparations for Brexit**.

7 December: **Committee warns of serious risk of security downgrade with PM’s deal** – Report: **Home Office preparations for the UK exiting the EU**.

#### International Trade:

28 November: **Evidence Session on the impact of UK- EU arrangements on wider UK trade policy**. **Transcript**.

28 November: **Evidence Session on UK trade policy transparency and scrutiny, with Jude Kirton-Darling MEP**. **Transcript**.

29 November: **Government must harness the potential of deeper trade ties to tackle development challenges** – Report: **Trade and the Commonwealth: developing countries**.

3 December: **Letter from the Secretary of State on public statements from partner countries on trade agreements continuity**.

4 December: **Inquiry launched into Department for International Trade’s support for exports**.

5 December: **Secretary of State questioned on the work of the Department**. **Transcript**.

6 December: **Letter from Sir Alan Duncan regarding the Committee’s inquiry into UK-EU relations and their impact on wider UK trade policy**.

11 December: **Letter to the Secretary of State following his appearance before the Committee on 5 December concerning the Department for International Trade**.

19 December: The impact of UK-EU arrangements on wider UK trade policy inquiry – written evidence from: **British Association of Picture Libraries and Agencies; Agricultural Biotechnology Council; Cardiff Business School; Pact; International Meat Trade Association**.



5-19 December: UK Trade Policy Transparency and Scrutiny inquiry – written evidence from: **Dan Jarvis MP, Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, UK Trade Policy Observatory, David Henig.**

28 December: **Committee calls for a meaningful parliamentary vote on post-Brexit trade deals** – Report: **UK trade policy transparency and scrutiny.**

7 January: **Letter from the Secretary of State regarding his appearance before the committee.**

8 January: **Chair raises concerns about Government announcement on roll-over of EU-Swiss trade agreement after Brexit. Letter to Liam Fox.**

9 January: **Committee hears from wine and spirits industry. Transcript.**

15 January: **Liam Fox bows to Committee pressure and agrees for Trade Remedies Authority Chief Executive to be questioned:** 20 Dec: **Letter to Liam Fox;** 7 Jan: **Letter from the Secretary of State regarding the establishment of the UK's new Trade Remedies Authority (TRA);** 9 Jan: **Letter requesting official's appearance;** 11 Jan: **Letter to Liam Fox;** 14 Jan: **Letter from the Secretary of State.**

16 January: Evidence Session: UK Trade Remedies Authority - follow-up.

23 January: Evidence Session on UK investment policy.

#### Liaison:

29 November: **Prime Minister questioned on Brexit by Liaison Committee. Transcript.**

#### Northern Ireland Affairs:

4 December: **Government Response to Committee's report: Brexit and Northern Ireland: fisheries.**

12 December: **Committee demands action on Government's strategy for NI's fisheries post-Brexit – Letter to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.**

13 December: Brexit and Northern Ireland: fisheries: **Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report.**

20 December: **The Committee welcomes the Government's commitment not to immediately impose additional checks on imports of agricultural products in the event of a no deal Brexit, but stresses that cooperation from the EU is now essential** - Government Response: **Brexit and Agriculture in Northern Ireland.**

#### Procedure:

27 November: **Letter from Kwasi Kwarteng, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DEXEU, concerning the Withdrawal Agreement Bill.**

#### Public Accounts:

28 November: **Major disruption at ports is 'real prospect' in no-deal Brexit** – Report: **Department for Transport's implementation of Brexit**

5 December: **Letter to Border Delivery (HMRC) regarding Brexit and UK border.**

5 December: Letters regarding Brexit and the UK border to **Border Delivery (HMRC); Permanent Secretary, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Border Force; Permanent Secretary, HMRC.**

21 December: **Letter from the Permanent Secretary for DfT regarding PAC report on DfT's implementation of EU exit.**

#### Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

11 December: **Any clear expression of 'no confidence' could topple Government, warns Committee** – Report: **The Role of Parliament in the UK Constitution Interim Report The Status and Effect of Confidence Motions and the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011.**

7 January: **Government should respect Commons resolutions, but they do not change the law** – Report: **Status of Resolutions of the House of Commons.**

24 January: Evidence Session on Parliament and the UK Constitution.

## Science and Technology:

19 December: **Brexit, Science and Innovation: Preparations for ‘No-Deal’ inquiry launched. Letter to the Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation on ‘No deal’ preparations and Horizon 2020. Letter from the Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation on ‘No deal’ preparations and Horizon 2020.**

## Scottish Affairs:

21 November: **Letter from George Eustice regarding the Angus Growers case.**

4 December: **Committee seeks clarity from David Mundell and George Hollingberry on future of Scottish trade post-Brexit. Transcript.**

6 December: **Letter to David Mundell regarding Geographical Indications in Scotland.**

4-12 December: The relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments inquiry written evidence: **Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland; Royal Society of Edinburgh; Centre on Constitutional Change; Professor Jim Gallagher; Law Society of Scotland.**

19 December: **Letter from David Mundell replying to questions on Geographical Indications in Scotland.**

9 January: **Committee examined impact of Fisheries Bill on Scottish fishing industry. Transcript.** Written submissions: **Scottish Environment LINK; Law Society of Scotland; National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisation.**

9 January: The future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit inquiry – written evidence: **Professor Michael Keating; NFU Scotland; Carbon Gold Ltd.**

15 January: **Committee looks to Canada and Belgium for devolution direction.**

## Treasury:

26 November: **Committee to take evidence on the economic impact of the Withdrawal Agreement.**

28 November: **Committee publishes Bank of England analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement - Bank of England’s analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.**

29 November: **Committee publishes Financial Conduct Authority analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement - Financial Conduct Authority’s (FCA) analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration. Chief Executive of the Financial Conduct Authority relating to FCA Impact Assessment.**

4 December: The UK’s economic relationship with the European Union – evidence from the Bank of England. **Transcript.**

5 December: The UK’s economic relationship with the European Union – evidence from Andrew Sentance and Stephen Nickell. **Transcript.**

6-10 December: The UK’s economic relationship with the European Union inquiry – written evidence: **Paul Mortimer-Lee; Gerard Lyons; Michael Burrage; Patrick Minford; Graham Gudgin; Economists for Free Trade.**

11 December: **Government’s White Paper scenario cannot be used to inform meaningful vote** – Report: **The UK’s economic relationship with the European Union: The Government’s and Bank of England’s Withdrawal Agreement analyses.**

20 December: **Chair welcomes EU’s decision to give equivalence for UK CCPs and CSDs.**

9 January: **Government responds to Committee’s Withdrawal Agreement report – Government response.**

16 January Evidence Session on the Bank of England Financial Stability Reports.

## House of Lords

26 November: Statement and debate on **Leaving the European Union.**

27 November: Debate on the **European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Economic Partnership Agreements and Trade Agreement) (Eastern and Southern Africa States, Southern African Development Community States, Ghana and Ecuador) Order 2018.**

28 November: Questions on **Brexit: Economic Forecast.**

28 November: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Economic Analysis of Various Scenarios.\*\*](#)

28 November: [\*\*European Research Infrastructure Consortium \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Trade Barriers \(Revocation\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Central Securities Depositories \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Short Selling \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Markets in Financial Instruments \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018.\*\*](#)

29 November: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Bank of England Report.\*\*](#)

29 November: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Attorney-General's Advice.\*\*](#)

3 December: Questions on [\*\*Agricultural Subsidies.\*\*](#)

3 December: Statement and questions on the [\*\*G20 Summit.\*\*](#)

3 December: Statement and questions on [\*\*Brexit: Legal Position of Withdrawal Agreement.\*\*](#)

4 December: [\*\*Social Security \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019; Postal and Parcel Services \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Textile Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018; Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018.\*\*](#)

5 December: 1<sup>st</sup> day of debate on [\*\*Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration\*\*](#), and **continued**.

6 December: Question on [\*\*Brexit: European External Action Service.\*\*](#)

6 December: 2<sup>nd</sup> day of debate on [\*\*Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.\*\*](#)

10 December: First Reading of the [\*\*EU Membership Bill \[HL\].\*\*](#)

10 December: Statement and questions on [\*\*Exiting the European Union.\*\*](#)

11 December: Questions on [\*\*International Development: Co-operation with the EU.\*\*](#)

11 December: Urgent question on [\*\*European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018.\*\*](#)

12 December: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: People's Vote.\*\*](#)

13 December: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Health and Social Care Workforce.\*\*](#)

17 December: Statement and questions on [\*\*EU Council.\*\*](#)

18 December: [\*\*Operation of Air Services \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018\*\*](#) – Motion agreed after debate.

19 December: Statement and questions on [\*\*Future Immigration.\*\*](#)

20 December: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Healthy and Nutritious Food.\*\*](#)

7 January: Questions on [\*\*Migration: International Students.\*\*](#)

7 January: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Legislative Timetable.\*\*](#)

7 January: Statement on [\*\*EU Withdrawal Agreement.\*\*](#)

8 January: [\*\*Statement on Seaborne Freight.\*\*](#)

9 January: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: UK Nationals.\*\*](#)

9 January: First day of Debate on [\*\*Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.\*\*](#)

10 January: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Statutory Instruments.\*\*](#)

10 January: Second day of Debate on [\*\*Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.\*\*](#)

14 January: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Agriculture.\*\*](#)

14 January: 3<sup>rd</sup> day of debate: [\*\*Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration\*\*](#), and **continued**.

14 January: Statement and questions: [\*\*Leaving the European Union.\*\*](#)

16 January: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: Support for Remaining in the EU.\*\*](#)

16 January: Questions on [\*\*Brexit: EU Citizens in the UK.\*\*](#)



16 January: Debate on the European Union Committee Report **Brexit: Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty**.

16 January: Debate on the European Union Committee Report **Brexit: Consumer Protection**.

## Committees

### Constitution:

28 November: Evidence Session on Parliamentary scrutiny of treaties, House of Lords Appointments Commission, with Jude Kirton-Darling MEP. **Transcript**.

29 November Evidence Session on Parliament's role in relation to the terms of Brexit, with Mick Antoniw AM. **Transcript**.

5 December: **Letter to Lord Callanan, Minister of State for Exiting the European Union on the European Union Withdrawal Agreement and subsequent legislation**.

5 December: **Former Australian Minister and former FCO adviser give evidence. Alexander Downer transcript. Sir Franklin Berman transcript**.

12 December: **Has the 'meaningful vote' set a precedent for how Parliament approves treaties? Transcript**.

7 January: **Letter from Lord Callanan, Minister of State for Exiting the European Union, on the Withdrawal Agreement and Subsequent Legislation**.

9 January: **The Committee heard from former Foreign Secretaries Jack Straw and Sir Malcolm Rifkind as part of its inquiry on Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties. Jack Straw transcript. Malcolm Rifkind transcript**. Written evidence from the **Law Society of Scotland; Dr Dermot Hodson and Professor Imelda Maher; Jill Barrett; Dr Mario Mendez; Foreign and Commonwealth Office; European Union Select Committee**.

30 January: Evidence Session on Parliamentary scrutiny of treaties.

### EU Select:

5 December: **Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration report published** – Report: **Brexit: the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration**.

### EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

28 November: **Industry representatives and researchers give evidence on EU fisheries regulations. Industry representatives transcript. Researchers transcript**. Written evidence from **The Wildlife Trusts, Skipper David Stevens**.

29 November: **Letter from Michael Gove on Defra's no deal preparations**.

3 December: **Letter from Steve Brine on food safety risk management**.

5 December: **Fishermen and conservation groups share views on EU's ban on fish discards. Fishers transcript. Conservation groups transcript**. Written evidence from the **National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations**.

12 December: **Minister quizzed on how he'll implement the EU's fish discard ban. George Eustace transcript. Officials transcript**.

19 December: **Letter to Michael Gove on Defra's no deal preparations**.

20 December: **Ministers quizzed on 'no deal' energy and environment plans**.

### EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

17 January: Evidence Session on International Development Cooperation after Brexit.

24 January: Evidence Session on International Development Cooperation after Brexit.

### EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

21 November: **Exchequer Secretary discusses European Investment Bank funding and SMEs post Brexit. Transcript**.

4 December – 10 January: Written evidence: **Unite the Union; National Infrastructure Commission; British Business Bank**.

### EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

28 November: **Letter to Nick Hurd on the UK's JHA opt-in protocol**.

28 November: **Letter to Lord Ashton of Hyde on the Government's response to the Brexit: the movement of people in the cultural sector report**.

5 December: **Evidence session on Horizon 2020 after Brexit. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Royal Society; Royal Society of Edinburgh; University of Cambridge; British Library; Erasmus+ National Agency; Cardiff University; Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Department for Education.**

12 December: **Committee hears evidence on Erasmus and Horizon programmes post-Brexit. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Russell Group.**

9 January: **Committee holds final evidence session on Erasmus and Horizon. Transcript.**

#### EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

14 November: **Chris Grayling questioned on post-Brexit transport arrangements. Transcript.**

30 November: **Letter from Kelly Tolhurst, MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Corporate Responsibility.**

#### EU Justice Sub-Committee:

21-22 November: Intellectual property and the Unified Patent Court – Written evidence from **MSD; Microsoft UK; IP Federation; Dr Ingve Björn Stjerna; Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry; Law Society of England and Wales.**

19 December: **Letter to David Gauke, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice about the European Convention on Human Rights.**

4 January: **Letter from Edward Argar MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice about the Political Declaration references to the European Convention on Human Rights.**

#### Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee A):

28 November: **7th Report of Session 2017-19.**

5 December: **8th Report of Session 2017-19.**

12 December: **9th Report of Session 2017-19.**

19 December: **10th Report of Session 2017-19.**

9 January: **11th Report of Session 2017-19.**

16 January: **12th Report of Session 2017-19.**

#### Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee B):

29 November: **7th Report of Session 2017-19.**

6 December: **8th Report of Session 2017-19.**

13 December: **9th Report of Session 2017-19.**

20 December: **10th Report of Session 2017-19.**

10 January: **11th Report of Session 2017-19.**

#### News

27 November: **ECMT permit applications open this week: international hauliers must apply – or miss out** (FTA)

27 November: **WTO agrees in principle to keep Britain in procurement deal** - Although the “agreement in principle” appears to put Britain on track for post-Brexit membership of the GPA, it still needs to ratify the treaty. That requires 21 sitting days of parliament, meaning that the GPA terms need to be finalised by the end of January to make the Brexit day of March 29, 2019. A Geneva trade official said the GPA parties could meet again in December if they are ready. (Reuters)

28 November: **Forecasts ‘paint a bleak picture’ of a no deal Brexit** - Business responds to the UK Government’s economic impact assessments on Brexit (CBI)

28 November: **FTA calls on MPs to vote in favour of Withdrawal Agreement.**

28 November: **RHA responds to implementation of Brexit report** - Responding to the Public Accounts Committee’s report on the DfT’s implementation of Brexit, RHA chief executive, Richard Burnett said: “This report confirms what so many members have told us. Information has been patchy, often unhelpful, confusing and generally too little, too late.

28 November: **Brexit will make UK worse off, government forecasts warn** (BBC); **EU withdrawal scenarios and monetary and financial stability** (Bank of England)

- 4 December: **Brexit and fish: Skippers, kippers and the creel thing** (BBC)
- 4 December: **Brexit questions: Poultry edition** (BBC)
- 4 December: **Forecast evaluation report** (Office for Budget Responsibility)
- 5 December: **Michael Cockerell: The parliamentary battle to join the European Economic Community** (The House Magazine)
- 6 December: **David Davis: “We’ve got to make sure the stake goes through the heart of the PM’s deal”** (The House Magazine)
- 6 December: **Orderly Brexit would see steady growth over the next two years - Economic Forecast** - No deal Brexit would ‘blow these figures out of the water’, damaging the economy (CBI)
- 10 December: **Many worldwide oppose more migration - both into and out of their countries**
- 10 December: **This is yet another blow for companies desperate for clarity** - We’ve responded to the delay of the meaningful vote in UK Parliament on the Withdrawal Agreement (CBI)
- 12 December: **Rolls-Royce confirms transfer of work from Derby to Germany** - The company ... is to transfer design approval work for its large aero engines away from Derby. Engines designed and built by the firm ... have to be signed off by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). There is uncertainty as to how this aircraft safety and design approval process would work when the UK leaves the European Union. “This is a precautionary and reversible technical action which we do not anticipate will lead to the transfer of any jobs.” (Derbyshire Telegraph)
- 13 December: **Full speech: Sir Ivan Rogers on Brexit** (University of Liverpool)
- 13 December: **Language organisations call to remain in EU over “potentially disastrous” effects of Brexit on the Celtic languages - Joint Statement on the effect of Brexit on the Celtic languages** (The European Language Equality Network)
- 13 December: **The UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill - Full text of the judgement UKSC 64** (Supreme Court)

- 18 December: **Statement from FTA on the invitation to join the Common Transit Convention** - While it would not remove the need for border checks of a regulatory nature (such as sanitary & phytosanitary checks on agri-food products), the CTC has the potential to reduce checks of a fiscal nature upon entry into the EU. What is now vital for UK business is to ensure that all necessary arrangements for use of the convention are made so that, from 30 March 2019, traders may fully benefit from the facilities offered by the CTC.
- 18 December: **Brexit putting thousands of ski resort jobs at risk for British workers** - Businesses won’t be able to hire British staff on seasonal contracts if UK crashes out of EU (Guardian)
- 18 December: **Brexit: How Europe does second referendums** (BBC)
- 18 December: **Statement from FTA on the invitation to join the Common Transit Convention.**
- 19 December: **Brexit: ‘Horrificed’ firms warn time is running out** (BBC)
- 19 December: **British business says no to no-deal in 100 days’ time** - “With just 100 days to go, the suggestion that ‘no-deal’ can be ‘managed’ is not a credible proposition” (British Chambers of Commerce, Confederation of British Industry, EEF, Federation of Small Businesses, Institute of Directors)
- 19 December: **CBI responds to Immigration White Paper.**
- 19 December: **May’s Brexit chaos is much greater threat than inflation, says TUC.**
- 20 December: **Automotive industry warns of catastrophe of exiting EU without an agreement; ‘No Deal’ must be off the table** - ‘No Deal’ with the EU would have an immediate and devastating impact on the industry, halting production, undermining competitiveness and causing irreversible and severe damage. (SMMT)
- 20 December: **No deal plans [EU’s contingency plans for a No Deal Brexit] will not keep trade flowing, says FTA.**
- 21 December: **A ‘managed no deal’ is not an acceptable Brexit deal, says FTA.**
- 4 January: **University leaders warn against No Deal as vital research comes under threat** (Universities UK)
- 4 January: Brexit: **Are there alternatives to using Dover?** (BBC)

4 January: **UK nationals in Italy assured of residency in event of no Brexit deal** (Guardian)

7 January: EEF/AIG Survey – **Brexit fears stalk manufacturers as clock enters final countdown**.

9 January: **RHA says advice from Calais Port boss about no-checks post Brexit – is completely misleading**. Following a meeting at the Port, RHA chief executive Richard Burnett said: “At our meeting in Calais today Monsieur Puissesseau made it abundantly clear that when a vehicle arrives at Dover, whether destined for Calais, Dunkirk or Coquelles, if the driver is without their pre-customs declarations or without a permit (if it’s a British driver) or a transit document (if delivering to a different country), they will be rejected. “To complete that initial documentation check could take up to four or five minutes - still a significant delay. If the declaration is not fully completed, the shipping lines will reject the vehicle - it will have to turn away or park up to get the declaration completed.

10 January: **Brexit deal still falls short on workers’ rights, says TUC**.

10 January: **Business can work with current plan, but if it fails, government must set out how it avoids no deal** (CBI)

14 January: **International haulage permit applications close this week: apply now or miss out** (FTA)

# Scotland

20 December: **Brexit crisis: Court of Session grants declarator mirroring decision of Court of Justice in Article 50 case** (Scottish Legal News)

## Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **26 November; 14 December**.

Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **‘No-deal’ EU exit preparations – The regulation of medicines, clinical trials and medical devices; Contingency Planning for Health and Social care in the event of a ‘No-deal’ Brexit; How are fishing quotas set? Stage 2: coastal State negotiations; Brexit: European Court of Justice ruling on the Article 50 process;**

27 November: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**: Health and Safety (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Floods and Water (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Justification of Practices for Ionising Radiation, Radioactive Contaminated Land (England) (Northern Ireland) and Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Leghold Trap (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Environmental Noise (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/342). **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**: Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

29 November: Finance and Constitution Committee and Culture, Tourism, Europe & External Affairs Committee: **Article 50 Negotiations (Withdrawal Agreement): joint scrutiny of David Lidington MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office**.

29 November: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: **Article 50 Negotiations (Preparedness) round-table evidence session**.

29 November: Equalities and Human Rights Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**: Equality (Amendment and Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.



4 December: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; Persistent Organic Pollutants (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Control of Mercury (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Equine (Records, Identification and Movement) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Animal Welfare (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases and Ozone-Depleting Substances (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018; Nagoya Protocol (Compliance) (UK) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Air Quality (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) (No 1) Regulations 2018; Air Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No 2) Regulations 2018; Marine Environment (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Agriculture (Zootechnics) (UK) (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019; Farriers (Registration) and Animal Health (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. **Evidence session on EU Exit and the Environment**.

4 December: Justice Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; Jurisdiction and Judgments (Family) (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

5 December: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Common Agricultural Policy and Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Common Provisions (Implementing and Delegated Acts) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Zoonotic Disease Eradication and Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Agriculture (Zootechnics) (UK) (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019; Veterinary Medicines and Animals and Animal Products (Examination of Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Farriers (Registration) and Animal Health (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

5 December: **Debate on the European Union Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration**.

11 December: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; REACH (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; Environment and Wildlife (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

11 December: Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; Public Procurement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

11 December: Health and Sport Committee: **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill 2017-19**.

12 December: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Rural Development (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2018; Rural Development (Implementing and Delegated Acts) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Common Provisions (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2018; Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments to Farmers) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Common Agricultural Policy (Rules for Direct Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

12 December: **Statement: Brexit Update**.

13 December: **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (United Kingdom Supreme Court Judgment)**.

18 December: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; REACH (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; Import and Trade of Animals and Animal Products (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

18 December: Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**; Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

18 December: **Statement on European Union Exit Preparations**.

19 December: **Debate on European Union Citizens (Contribution to Scotland)**.

20 December: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: **Article 50 Negotiations (Withdrawal Agreement)**.

10 January: **Statement on UK Immigration White Paper**.

## Scottish Government

27 November: **Brexit deal ‘damaging’ to Scotland** - The UK Government’s draft agreement could cost £1,600 per person.

27 November: **Scotland’s place in Europe: assessment of UK Government’s proposed future relationship with the EU**

4 December: **Fisheries Bill** - Scotland must have say in determining quota and effort limits.

5 December: **Parliament rejects Brexit deal** - Constitutional Relations Secretary: UK Government must respect vote.

7 December: **Calls to protect EU citizens** - First Minister urges UK Government to scrap settlement scheme fees.

9 December: **Delegation to make a stand against impact of Brexit** - Minister takes Scotland’s case to Brussels on eve of Westminster Brexit vote.

10 December: **Fisheries Brexit concern** - UK Government must remove link between seafood trade and access to waters.

11 December: **Fisheries debate** - UK Gov must represent Scotland in EU negotiations.

13 December: **Supreme Court judgment** - Constitutional Relations Secretary: Scottish Government ‘vindicated’.

16 December: **Mitigating against Brexit impact** - Budget provides economic stability.

18 December: Information and advice for EU citizens - Additional help to stay in Scotland.

18 December: **Preparing for Brexit** - Scottish Government is ready to act.

19 December: **Protecting EU citizens** - Parliament backs bid to ditch “settled status” fees.

19 December: **Brexit talks** - First Minister: Call to extend Article 50.

13 January: **MPs asked to dismiss UK Government’s Brexit options** in letter from Cabinet Secretary for Constitutional Relations

16 January: **Letter from the First Minister to the Prime Minister** following the ‘meaningful vote’.

## Northern Ireland

The Assembly publishes a **'Brexit Brief' newsletter and Brexit information**.

**Brexit Brief Newsletter October 2018**.

The Assembly's Research and Information Services has a **Brexit Hub** with information and links to resources on the subject of Brexit and Northern Ireland.

## UK-Ireland relations

5 December: **Questions on the British-Irish Council of 9 November. Questions on the EU Council of 25 November**.

6 December: **Questions on Brexit Issues; Ports Facilities** (Rosslare); **Fish Quotas; Brexit supports**.

12 December: **Ports Development** (Rosslare).

12 December: **Pre-European Council Meeting: Statements**.

18 December: **Brexit issues - Border corridor strategic development approach**.

19 December: **Question on European Council Meetings**.

10 December: **Statement by an Taoiseach** – conversation with Donald Tusk.

12 December: **Taoiseach speaks with President Juncker**.

19 December: **Statement of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar following the December 2018 European Council**.

19 December: **“No Deal” Brexit Planning – details of challenges and actions being taken**. Contingency Action Plan – **Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 29 March 2019** (Irish Government)

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Could the Withdrawal Agreement be terminated under international law?

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Withdrawal Agreement: Section 13(1)(c) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

E-petitions 229963, 221747 and 235185, relating to leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement, 232984 and 241361 relating to holding a further referendum on leaving the EU, and 226509 and 236261 relating to not leaving the EU

Legislation to Enable a Further Referendum on Brexit

The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill 2017-18

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We regret and we need more clarity: European reactions to the ‘meaningful vote’ (Open Europe)



